

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2023
FIFTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 263.](#)

By Representative Thomas of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain remote work expenses incurred by employers that enter into remote work agreements with their employees; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for applications and preapprovals; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 264.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, so as to revise certain deadlines and procedures for the handling of appeals of property tax assessments; to revise certain notice requirements and procedures; to revise provisions for certain automatic judgements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 265.](#)

By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Kendrick of the 95th, Moore of the 91st, and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a supplement to the compensation, salary, expenses, and allowances of the judges of the Superior Court of the Rockdale Judicial Circuit, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4459), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4129), so as to change the amount of such supplement; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 266.](#)

By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Mathiak of the 74th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Clark of the 100th, Bonner of the 73rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to repeal the authority of the Department of Public Health and all county boards of health to require persons to submit to vaccinations against or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

[HB 267.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Corbett of the 174th, Rhodes of the 124th, Hitchens of the 161st, Evans of the 57th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to income taxes, so as to authorize private causes of action for equitable relief regarding the failure of employers to comply with revenue provisions regarding employees; to provide for attorneys' fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 268.](#)

By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Mathis of the 149th, and Barton of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal justice coordinating council, so as to provide for the establishment of a grant program to support local law enforcement agencies and multi-jurisdiction task forces relative to motor vehicle related crime prevention initiatives; to provide for standards and conditions for such grant program; to provide for recommendations and reporting; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board; to provide for membership; to provide for clarifying changes relative to current boards and advisory boards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 269.](#)

By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Douglas of the 78th, Gaines of the 120th, Oliver of the 82nd, Roberts of the 52nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and telecommunications conferences, so as to authorize local workforce development boards, formed pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and their associated committees and local officials to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 270.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Bruce of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd, and Bazemore of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older and whose income, together with the income of the spouse who also occupies and resides at such homestead, does not exceed the maximum amount which may be received by an individual and an individual's spouse at full retirement age under the federal Social Security Act for the immediately preceding year; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 271.](#)

By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th, Lumsden of the 12th, Jasperse of the 11th, Williams of the 148th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to repeal provisions authorizing joinder of motor carriers and their insurance carriers in tort and contract causes of action; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 272.](#)

By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Collins of the 71st, Smith of the 18th, and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Carrollton to charge a technology fee; to specify the uses to which such technology fees may be applied; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 273.](#)

By Representatives DeLoach of the 167th, Townsend of the 179th, Williams of the 168th, and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Natural Resources, so as to extend the date by which rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Natural Resources must be in effect for purposes of establishing criminal violations of said rules and regulations; to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sapelo Island Heritage Authority, so as to amend the composition and chairmanship of the Sapelo Island Heritage Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HB 274.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 60th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Gladney of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate June 12 of each year as "Women Veterans Day" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS

[HB 275.](#)

By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Pirkle of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability relating to employers and insurance providers of commercial motor vehicle operators

based upon history of driving incidents; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 276.](#)

By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Gunter of the 8th, Yeara of the 152nd, Kelley of the 16th, Oliver of the 82nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 277.](#)

By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th, Fleming of the 114th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide that otherwise taxable income resulting from compensation to a taxpayer for the governmental condemnation of such taxpayer's real property shall not be subject to state income tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 278.](#)

By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Buckner of the 137th, Powell of the 33rd, and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to athletic trainers, so as to revise and update definitions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to require athletic training students to be under the direct supervision of a physician or licensed athletic trainer; to revise and update certification requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 279.](#)

By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Washburn of the 144th, and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance, so as to provide for an insurance premium discount or rate reduction for property owners who build a new residential or commercial property or who retrofit an existing residential or commercial property located in this state that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 280.](#)

By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Lumsden of the 12th, Williams of the 148th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for additional value-added products or services that are excluded from being unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements in insurance; to provide for a definition; to allow an insurer or insurance producer to offer or provide a value-added product or service that enhances the health or financial wellness of a customer, incentivizes behavioral changes of a customer, or assists in the administration of employee or retiree benefit insurance coverage; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 281.](#)

By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Thomas of the 65th, and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 282.](#)

By Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under

the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a minimum course of study in career readiness education for students in grades six through 12 to include instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills; to provide for legislative findings; to direct the Department of Education to develop, assemble, and make available instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 283.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Bonner of the 73rd, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 18th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to sales and use tax, so as to change the manner and method of imposing and collecting such taxes on new manufactured single-family structures; to provide for an exemption for pre-owned manufactured single-family structures; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 284.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Knight of the 134th, Cameron of the 1st, Mathiak of the 74th, Greene of the 154th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for insurance, so as to change the definition of health care sharing ministry by revising requisite qualifications; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to provide that a taxpayer may deduct the full amount paid for shares as a member of a health care sharing organization from his or her Georgia taxable income; to provide for a definition; to disallow related deductions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 285.](#)

By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement

System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 286.](#)

By Representatives Au of the 50th, Bruce of the 61st, Camp of the 135th, Oliver of the 82nd, Gilliard of the 162nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for certain consumer protections against surprise billing for ambulance service; to provide for definitions; to require a healthcare plan to reimburse for ambulance service provided to a covered person by a nonparticipating ambulance provider; to provide for arbitration; to provide for a covered person's financial responsibilities; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 287.](#)

By Representatives Thomas of the 65th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Marin of the 96th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to provide for the operation of microenterprise food kitchens; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the issuance of permits; to provide for qualifications for permits; to provide for rules and regulations regarding sanitation, equipment, and maintenance; to provide for inspections; to provide for operating requirements; to provide for fees; to provide for limitations on permits; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HR 125.](#)

By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th, and Neal of the 79th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Barbara Pulliam and dedicating a road in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 1.](#)

By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Moore of the 53rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to remove the automatic repealer on the prohibition on state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID vaccination for government services; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

[SB 26.](#)

By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Ginn of the 47th, Goodman of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Hickman of the 4th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to permit meetings and public hearings of development authorities and community improvement districts to be held by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[SB 36.](#)

By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to increase the penalty provisions relating to pimping and pandering; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[SB 37.](#)

By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to revise qualification requirements for the office of sheriff; to require certification as a

peace officer at the time of qualifying as a candidate for sheriff; to require such candidate to be in good standing with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for a confirming affidavit; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY